



# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

### **Weekends:**

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00\*

\*Feb. 26 10:00am starts

### **Weekdays:**

Tues. & Wed. - 6:30pm

Thurs., Fri. & Sat. - 9:00am

## Regular Confession

Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm  
or by appointment.

## Adoration

Wednesday 7:00pm

First Friday 9:30am

## Rosary

20 minutes before all Masses

## Parish Council

First Thursdays 7:00pm

Next mtg, - February 2, 2023

### **From Father's Desk...**

**God's upside-down choices':** Nowhere is the paradox of the kingdom more evident than in the choices that God makes to bring it about. God's way of thinking is the polar opposite to that of the world. Our 1st Reading peaks of 'a humble and lowly people'. Our 2nd Reading endorses this same theme in pointing out that God chooses the seeming foolish to confound the worldly-wise. And the Gospel today brings it all to a climax in its litany of beatitudes, that baffling kernel to all of Jesus' teaching. A glance at God's choices in the Old Testament, and Jesus' in the New, should convince us that 'God's ways are not our ways.' God did not choose the mighty Egyptians but a bunch of Hebrew slaves to carry his message to the world. God chose Moses, the murderer, and David the adulterer, to lead the Chosen People to the Promised Land. God chose barren women and forgotten sons and suffering servants and a virgin mother to bring the Divine plan to fulfillment. It was God's choice and not any inherent worth, that made these people great. As Paul reminded the Corinthians, 'the world has nothing to boast about to God'. We have been chosen through Baptism and sent forth to live the Beatitudes. Let us build the Kingdom through poverty, gentleness, tears, justice, mercy, purity and peace-making.

**You will face many defeats in your life, but never let yourself be defeated!**

## Sacramental Prep.

### **First Communion** **Orientation Evening**

Thursday, Feb 9 at 6:30pm,  
in the hall below the rectory.

## Parish Ministries

### **Faith Formation Evenings** Offered in person & by email

Tuesdays 7:00pm, in the  
parish rectory

*Current Series: Eternal Rest:*  
*The Art of Dying Well* (ends  
Jan. 31st)

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
sign up as parishioner and in  
search box type St Agnes  
Carstairs and click on  
stagnesbox670carstairsAB

*Contact:* Pierrette  
faithformationstagnes@gmail  
with any questions.

### **Parish Cleaning Team**

Crystal (403) 827-9353  
Feb. 3, Charlene  
Feb. 10 Crystal & Shirley  
Feb. 17, Ethel  
Feb. 24 Laura & Gerry

### **Altar Servicing**

Contact Fr. Newton

### **Readers of the Word of God**

Feb. 5 Lynn    Feb 12 Maria,  
Feb 19 Pat.    Feb 26 Lynn

### **Music Ministry**

Anne (403) 337-2272

## Stewardship Reflection for 4th Sunday O.T.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1.30) Stewards recognize that all they have and are comes from God. Our gifts are from God and we are dependent on God for the grace to use them.

## Mass Intentions

**January 28** - 5:00pm For the parishioners (Pro Populo)

**January 29** - 9:00am For dep Annie MacGillivray

**January 29** - 11:00am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

**January 31** - 6:30pm For the Souls in Need

**February 4** - 5:00 pm For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

**February 5** - 9:00 am

**February 5** - 11:00am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

## Readings for the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

**Jan 29** ....Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13, Ps. 146, 1 Cor. 1:26-31, Mat. 5:1-12

**Jan 30**.....Heb. 11:32-40, Ps.31, Mark 5:1-20

**Jan. 31**.....Heb. 12:1-4, Ps. 22, Mark 5:21-43 (*St. John Bosco*)

**Feb. 1**.....Heb. 12:4-7, 11-15, Ps. 103, Mark 6:1-6

**Feb. 2**.....Mal. 3:1-4 or Heb. 2:10-11, 13b-18, Ps.24, Luke  
2:22-32 (*Presentation of the Lord*)

**Feb. 3**.....Heb. 13:1-8, Ps. 27, Mark 6:14-29 (*St. Blaise*)

**Feb. 4**.....Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21, Ps.23, Mark 6:30-34

**Feb. 5**.....Is. 58:7-10, Ps. 112, 1 Cor. 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

## Devotion Ideas:

Enthroned a bible in your home. (QRCode)

Attend adoration on the First Fridays.

Seek regular Confession.

Receive a throat blessing on memorial of  
St. Blaise (Feb 3rd)



## Around the Diocese:

-**Bill C-7. CWL Calgary** info, templates and resources to  
contact the Government and voice your concerns. Visit:  
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/express-your-concerns>